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SUBJECT: BOMBING OF RADIO SWAN TRANSMISSION TOWER

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE TRANSMISSION TOWER OF RADIO SWAN IN SAN PEDRO SULA WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB BLAST AT 1830 HOURS JANUARY 12. THE BOMBING CAUSED NO INJURIES, THOUGH IT ALSO DAMAGED THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING HOUSING THE TRANSMITTERS. THE OWNER, RAFAEL NODARSE, IS A RIGHTWING, ANTI-CASTRO, CUBAN EXILE. PRESS ARTICLE PRESUMES THAT BOMB WAS WORK OF LEFTISTS. END SUMMARY.

1. TRANSMISSION TOWER OF RADIO SWAN, "THE LEADING VOICE OF DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA," WAS DESTROYED BY A BOMB BLAST AT 1830 HOURS JANUARY 12. BLAST CAUSED NO INJURIES, BUT DID DAMAGE ROOF OF BUILDING HOUSING TRANSMITTERS, AND ADJOINING HOUSE OF ITS OWNER, RAFAEL NODARSE. NEWSPAPER, LA NOTICIA, ATTRIBUTES BOMBING TO LEFTISTS.

2. NODARSE IS A KNOWN ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBAN EXILE WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION AND HAS BEEN SHARPLY CRITICAL
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CAL OF LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN SAN PEDRO AREA. AT TIME OF BLAST, HE WAS IN TEGUCIGALPA MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO ESTABLISH

STATIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA AND LA CEIBA.

3. IN SPITE OF SAME NAME AS RADIO STATION PREVIOUSLY
RUN IN SWAN ISLANDS WITH USG ASSISTANCE, THERE IS NO RELA-
TIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO STATIONS, THOUGH NODARSE HAS DONE
NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE THAT IMPRESSION. PRESS REPORT IN-
ACCURATELY REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MOVED STATION FROM
SWAN ISLANDS. HOWEVER, CURRENT RADIO SWAN IS AN ENTIRELY
COMMERCIAL VENTURE, IN SPITE OF ITS EDITORIAL POLICY.
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